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It is hard to believe that the Emperor, who is known to love his son most passionately, without speaking even of his anxiety for the continuance of his dynasty, can shut his eyes to such evident truth: but we are led to think that he still desires the quiet possession of personal power in order to have his hands free in foreign affairs, to enable him to conduct them as he considers best for the interest of the country; and the glory of the French name. I am reminded of his speech that, since his accession to supreme power, he has had nothing in his mind but the welfare and greatness of the country; and, what is more, it is well known and cannot fairly be a reproach to him that his fixed idea was to repair, as far as was consistent with prudence, the disasters which were the natural consequences and sad inheritance of the first Empire. He acted on that principle, according to his temper and circumstances, that is, not rashly nor in a reckless spirit, but in his own quiet way, silent, attentive, and especially careful not to let a golden opportunity escape him. Thus he was led to his three principal acts, the three great mistakes of his reign (and here I recur to my subject, that they could not have been attempted under a Parliamentary Government. I do not speak here of the Crimean War, which was a good opportunity for which he was indebted to fortune and to you, and not at all to a decision of his will, still less) to a conception of his mind. But the Italian war, the Mexican enterprise, and, more recently, his obdurate and calculated inertness during the Denmark imbroglio and the preliminaries of the German war were results of his free and resolute will, and were in his mind able and daring strides towards that greatness and glory for which he thinks us indebted to himself, or rather to his dynasty. It would be almost useless to demonstrate such a truth, and one of those three acts could have occurred with a responsible Ministry and under Parliamentary Government. Fancy, if you can, a Premier plotting at Plombières with Cavour (whose letters, rather indelicately published after his death, have thrown a flood of light upon that transaction) to force

year-old chestnut filly by Fitz-Gladier or Serious out of Ne-m'oubliez-pas. Ajax might be an aged black gelding by Haxby out of Verax, or a three-year-old bay colt by St. Albans out of Nuneaton. Baroness might be a two-year-old brown filly by Young Melbourne out of The Jewess by Slane, or a two-year-old bay filly by Slane out of The Jewess; only the former was more correctly called a Baroness; very slight distinction. The Baroness. Blue Bell might be a two-year-old brown filly by Tadmor out of Mousee, or a two-year-old bay filly by Stampedo out of Donna Clara, or a four-year-old brown filly by Gamester out of Belmont's dam, or a bay mare by Battle out of Singleton Lass. Brasenoe might be four years old or two years old; by Windbound out of a dam by Flatcatcher, or by Oxford out of Maid of the Glen. Brilliant might be an aged brown gelding by Cawston out of Elizabeth by Velocipeo, or a three-year-old chestnut colt by Ruby out of Pride. Cannon Ball might be a four-year-old bay gelding by Artillery out of Eugenie, or an aged chestnut gelding by Artillery out of Eugenie. Cannon might be a two-year-old bay filly by Tumbler out of Hirma, or a two-year-old bay filly by Macaroni out of Caroline by Ivan. Champagne Charlie might be a two-year-old bay colt by the Duke out of Madame Clicquot, or a half-bred horse formerly called Breach of Promise. Chance might be a five-year-old brown mare by Jemina Junior out of Romance, or an aged chestnut mare by Rifleboy (half-bred). Chelsea might be a five-year-old bay gelding or a three-year-old chestnut colt. Clara might be a three-year-old brown filly by Commodore, dam by Gobbo out of Miss Fisher (half-bred), or a two-year-old bay filly by Beadsman out of Cavriana. The Clipper might be a three-year-old bay colt by Elcot (half-bred) out of Hydrophobia by Dr. Sanger, or a two-year-old brown filly by Buccanoot out of Go-ahead. The Colonel might be a five years old brown horse by Knight of Kars out of Goodiea (half-bred), or a three years old chestnut gelding by the Marquis out of Lapidist's dam, by Bed Hart. Columbine might be an aged brown mare by Motley (half-bred), or a four years old brown filly by Wild Dayrell. Condumud might be an aged

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